

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

Have there been any significant prosecutions involving misconduct and where significant penalties have been imposed?

Answer:

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (the Registrar) refers criminal breaches of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for prosecution. The Registrar also initiates civil proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia for contraventions of the civil penalty provisions of the CATSI Act.

Since October 2012 the Registrar has undertaken a number of major criminal and civil prosecutions, the results of which are available from the Registrar's website (www.oric.gov.au).